

charge of building; and endowed the seminary with twenty-thousand acres of the best land, together with the perpetual revenue, arising from the duty of one penny per pound on all tobacco, transported from Virginia and Maryland to the other English plantations. In grateful acknowledgment of the royal patronage and benefaction, the college was called William and Mary¹.

¹ Keith, 169. Beverly, 138, 139. Coll. Hist. Soc. v. 163.

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THIS VOLUME brings down the Annals to the Revolution of William and Mary. A very respectable historian remarks, that the legal and constitutional history of the American colonies, in their early periods, affords but little instruction. *Cecinit praelia*. His subject was war. Chalmers supposes, that the political annals of the colonies from their settlement to that Revolution may be thought by some the most curious and instructive; because, during that eventful period, the colonies were planted; their constitutions, after various changes, were established; the groundwork of their future jurisprudence was laid; and they were sensibly affected by every change, which the innovations of those days introduced into the parent country.

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